

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Michael Austin

Application No.:

09/683249

Filed:

December 5, 2001

For:

Combined Balloon-Expanding and Self-

Expanding Stent

Examiner:

Michael Thaler

Group Art Unit:

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No: S63.2B-10014-US01

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003. This petition is accompanied by \$420.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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